

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time extending the time for response from April 25, 2002 up to and including May 25, 2002. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$110.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fee which may be due in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has leveled a restriction requirement, dividing the claims into four allegedly patentably distinct groups of subject matter. As one of the bases for restriction, the Examiner asserts that "the compounds of group I would be capable of preparation by more than one process, as seen in claim 36 or claim 37." In the first place, Applicants note that restriction group I, claims 1-9 and 18-23, "drawn to products," comprises all of the currently pending product and process-of-preparation claims. Secondly, there is no claim 36 or 37 pending in the application, and it is not clear on what basis the Examiner is asserting the propriety of the restriction.

In any event, in response to the requirement, Applicants hereby elect restriction group I, claims 1-9 and 18-23. Further in compliance with the requirement, Applicants elect the single